# **Tarrant County Public Health**

Weekly Arbovirus Surveillance Report: MMWR Week Aug 20-Aug 26, 2023



### Week 34 Summary

- 159 mosquito pools\* have been tested in NTRL from week
  - Year-to-date NTRL has tested a total of 3337 mosquito pools
- 2 mosquito pools tested positive for WNV this week:

Fort Worth\* (1) Keller (1)

- There have been 0 imported human cases of SLE or Zika in 2023. There has been 3 cases of Dengue Fever.
  - There have been 9 human cases of West Nile disease.
- Average number of mosquitoes/trap include:

Culex spp: 18.2Aedes aegypti: 4.8Aedes albopictus: 0.6

NTRL- North Texas Regional Lab

WNV= West Nile virus; CHIKV= chikungunya virus; DENV= dengue virus; SLEV St. Louis encephalitis virus \* May include data from outside Tarrant County

### Cumulative Positive WNV Pools per Municipality

There have been a total of 185 positives in 2023

Arlington (48) Bedford (6) Burleson \*(6) Colleyville (9) Euless (15) Fort Worth\* (39) Grapevine (13) Haltom City (3) Hurst (6) Keller (4) Mansfield\* (3) North Richland Hills (5) Pantego (1) River Oaks (4) Southlake (6) Unincorporated\*\* (15) Watauga (2)

\* May include data from outside Tarrant County \*\* Includes 2 positives from winter surveillance

## Table 1. MLE<sup>(1)</sup> and VI<sup>(2)</sup> for County Quadrants, Weeks 33 and 34

	<b>County Quadrant</b>	# Gravid traps	Ave F Culex spp	Positive pools	VI	
Week 33	Northeast	65	22.1	1.0	0.93 (0.05-4.54)	0.021
	Northwest	34	17.1	0.0	0.00 (0.00-6.41)	0.000
	Southeast	40	20.6	3.0	4.21 (1.13-11.35)	0.086
	Southwest	27	15.0	0.0	0.00 (0.00-9.61)	0.000
Week 34	Northeast	66	15.9	2.0	2.23 (0.40-7.31)	0.035
	Northwest	27	14.7	0.0	0.00 (0.00-9.58)	0.000
	Southeast	35	26.2	0.0	0.00 (0.00-4.82)	0.000
	Southwest	24	11.5	0.0	0.00 (0.00-12.29)	0.000

Data

source: Tarrant County Public Health

<sup>1.</sup> MLE= Maximum Likelihood Estimate or the estimate of the mosquito infection rate per mosquito species. 2. VI= Vector Index which is a measure of infectivity accounting for vector species composition, vector species population density, and proportion of vector population infected with WNV

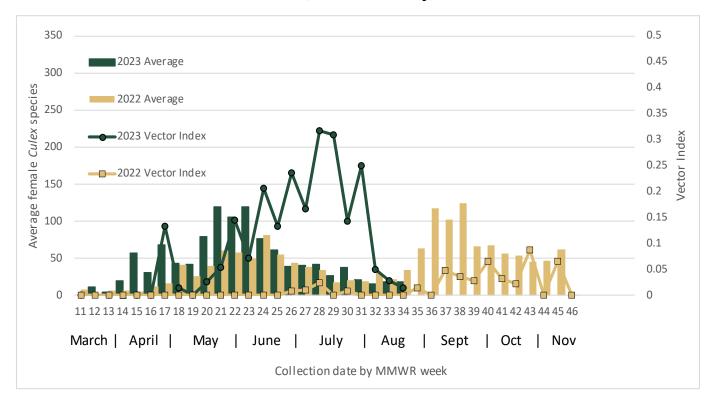
Averages, MLE, and limits will be given for species with identified infection rates only and only for the latest two week. MLE, Lower and Upper Limits are based on a 95%

# Cumulative Data for the Tarrant County Region, Weeks 31-34

Week	Jul 30- Aug 5			Aug 20- Aug 26	YTD
MMWR Week	31				
Total number of gravid traps set in Tarrant Region	178	158	166	152	3150
Average number of <i>Culex</i> spp per gravid trap	21.6	14.9	17.8	18.2	143.9
Number of mosquito pools tested <sup>1</sup> (NTRL; non-NTRL)	177;6	155;7	166;12	159;3	3337;254
Number of positive mosquito pools (NTRL; non-NTRL) <sup>1</sup>	20;0	7;0	4;0	2;0	185;0
Confirmed WNV human cases (WNF; WNND) <sup>2</sup>	0;1	0;2	0;0	0;0	1;9
WNV infection rate per 1,000 Culex spp <sup>3</sup>	7.39	3.35	1.50	0.89	
Weekly vector index <sup>4</sup>	0.249	0.050	0.028	0.015	
Total BG Sentinel traps set in Tarrant Region	20	25	27	23	475
Average number of female <i>Aedes aegytpi</i> per BG trap	1.0	2.3	2.5	4.8	3.1
Average number of female Aedes albopictus per BG trap	2.7	1.1	1.1	0.6	3.1

<sup>1</sup> Based on mosquito collection date; NTRL = North Texas Regional Laboratory

Figure 1. Average Number of Female *Culex* Species Per Trap and Vector Index by Collection Date, Tarrant County, 2022-2023

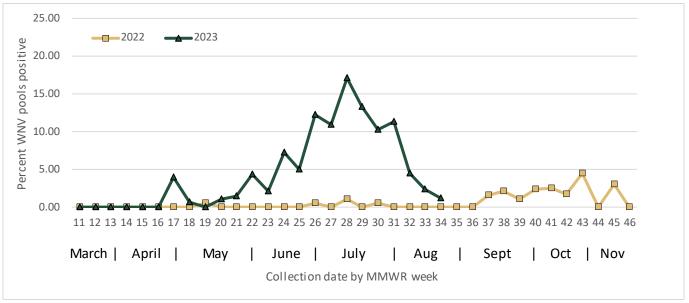


<sup>2</sup> Based on onset of illness date for cases reported to Tarrant County Public Health; WNF=West Nile Fever; WNND = West Nile Neuroinvasive Disease

<sup>3</sup> Calculated using a Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE). Biggerstaff, Brad J. PooledInfRate, Version 4.0: a Microsoft® Office Excel® Add-In to compute prevalence estimates from pooled samples. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Fort Collins, CO, U.S.A., 2009 Culex spp includes pools of both Cx restuans and Cx quinquefasciatus. These MLEs are calculated separately, per species and added together as per instructions by CDC.

<sup>4</sup> Vector Index is a measure of infectivity accounting for vector species composition, vector species population density, and proportion of vector population infected with WNV Note: Infection rate and vector index calculations now includes pools from outside laboratories; Data subject to change due to on-going case investigations, mosquito collection, and testing. Data source: Tarrant County Public Health

Figure 2. Percentage of Mosquito Pools Positive for WNV by Collection Date, Tarrant County, 2022-2023



Data Source: Tarrant County Public Health

Table 3. North Texas Arbovirus Activity as Reported by Texas DSHS on August 29, 2023

	WNV				CHIKV		DENV		SLEV		Zika		
North Texas Counties	Positive Mosquito Pools					I Wosaulto	Human Cases	I Mosaulto	Human Cases	Positive Mosquito Pools	Human Cases	Positive Mosquito Pools	Human Cases
Collin	7	1	WNF;	0	WNND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dallas	183	2	WNF;	6	WNND	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Denton	14	0	WNF;	1	WNND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Johnson	6	0	WNF;	0	WNND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Tarrant North Texas	210	3		7		0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
All Texas Counties	636	6		20		0	2	0	6	2	0	0	0

\*All reported CHIKV, DENV, & Zika human cases are travel-related WNV– West Nile virus; WNF– West Nile fever; WNND– West Nile neuroinvasive disease; CHIKV– Chikungunya virus; DENV– Dengue virus; SLEV– St. Louis encephalitis virus

### For Additional Information Please Visit The Links Below:

### Department of State Health Services:

- Arbovirus Activity Reports
- Texas Zika

Tarrant County educational videos and documents:

- Eliminating Mosquito Breeding Sites
- Barrier Treatments for Mosquitoes
- Mosquitoes Love Water
- Mosquito Prevention Tool Kit

### Tarrant County web pages:

- Be Mosquito Free
- Zika
- Vector Control
- WNV Interactive Mapping Tool

**Environmental Protection Agency:** 

<u>Insect Repellent Information</u>

Center for Disease Control and Prevention:

Zika Travel Information